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Karnataka Bandh evokes mixed response in city

Police take protesting farmers into preventive custody

The farmers, who staged a protest at Palace North Gate, being taken into custody by the Police this morning.

Mysuru, Sept. 28 (MTY&DM)- The Karnataka Bandh called by farmer organisations, with support from over 30 Labour, Social, Trader and other associations, in protest against the recent amendments to Land Reforms, APMC, Labour and Electricity Acts, evoked mixed response in city this morning.

Almost all shops and commercial establishments remained shut till 11 am. Although KSRTC started bus services as usual in the morning, the services were suspended a few minutes later after the protesting farmers and activists blocked the exit gate of sub-urban bus stand.

The bandh began with over 200 farmers and members of various other organisations gathering in front of sub-urban bus stand at about 6.30 am. As the KSRTC authorities continued operating buses despite the protest, the farmers blocked the gate, thus forcing the authorities to suspend bus operations.

The protestors, led by office-bearers of Raitha-Dalita-Karmikara Aikya Horata Samithi, which took the lead in calling for the bandh, marched to the Town Hall, where they staged a demonstration for some time before proceeding to Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate, where they sat on a dharna for a few minutes and got ready to take out a procession.

The Police tried to convince the protestors against doing so. But the unrelenting protestors attempted to take out a procession to K.R. Circle, when they were taken into custody by the Police as a preventive measure.

(See BANDH on page 7)

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	**952**
Total positive cases	:	**33,300**
Discharges yesterday	:	**20**
Total discharges	:	**26,101**
Deaths yesterday	:	**01**
Total deaths	:	**722**
Total active cases	:	**6,477**

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5,6 & 7, Kamakshi Hospital Complex, Nachanahally Palya 'A' Block, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru-570 008. Mob: 9845107907

Covishield trial enters Phase III at JSS Hospital

Mysuru, Sept. 28 (RK&KS)- The clinical trial of COVID-19 vaccine — Covishield — developed by the University of Oxford and manufactured at the Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII), which began at JSS Hospital here in August, has completed the Phase II and the analysing process is going on.

Five volunteers, who had enrolled for the Phase II trial of Covishield vaccine at JSS Hospital, had received their first doses intramuscularly as part of Phase II human trials on Aug. 29. Doctors had administered the vaccine to the volunteers after a detailed investigation and monitoring.

Now, Phase III of Covishield clinical trial has begun and enrolment of volunteers has started in a large scale, said Director of JSS Hospital and Head of COVID-19 Testing Laboratory Col. (Retd) Dayanand this morning.

For Phase II, five volunteers had enrolled themselves for the trial after the doses were received from Serum Institute of India. Before administering the vaccine, the doctors had checked their temperature, blood pressure and heart beats. Also, the vitals of the two volunteers were observed after the vaccine jab on their arm muscles.

(See COVISHIELD on page 6)

To Our Readers

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STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 28th September 2020

Admissions Open

Mysuru, Sept. 28- With admissions to Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) for the academic year 2020-21 (July cycle) having begun, the KSOU is admitting eligible students from SC/ST communities upon payment of admission and skill development fees, which will be later reimbursed by Social Welfare Department.

Such students are requested to contact SC/ST Cell of KSOU along with all necessary documents and apply online before Oct. 10 or before Oct. 20 with a fine of Rs. 100 or before Oct. 29 with a late fee of Rs. 200, according to a press release.

Government CPC Polytechnic, Mysuru, has invited applications for admission to second year Diploma through lateral entry for students who have passed ITI or 2nd PU (Science or Technical subjects), for the academic year 2020-21. Applications can be submitted directly at the office or online from Sept. 28 to Oct. 6. Students who have passed SSLC or equivalent course and have already submitted applications online for admission to first year Diploma can contact the office for availability of remaining seats before Sept. 30. For further information, one can visit the website *https://dtetech.karnataka.gov.in/kartechnical/ or www.cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea*, according to press release.

Government Maharani Teachers Training Institute too has invited applications for admission to Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed) course (both Kannada and English medium) for the academic year 2020-21. Students who have passed PUC and those awaiting results of PUC supplementary exams are eligible to apply. The last date to submit the applications is Oct. 12. For details, contact Mob: 94810-66490.

Merchants Bank to fete toppers

Mysuru, Sept. 28- The Mysore Merchants' Co-operative Bank will felicitate 20 students who are children of the bank staff and have secured more than 70 per cent marks in recently held SSLC and PUC exam. Besides, three students who have participated in national-level sports will also be honoured.

The bank members must send two passport size photos of their children and details of achievements to the bank before Oct. 8, said General Manager of the Bank, in a press release.

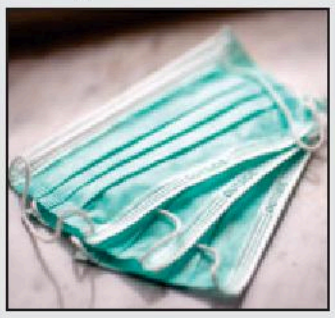
EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Just like the other 'opium of the masses' — cricket — is firmly in the hands of politicians, their sons and other industrialists from the same camp, Bollywood too will find itself gheraoed by these very greedy, grasping netas who will not just milk it as a business but also alter its very composition. Watch! Bollywood is poised to become India's most potent propaganda machine. Already one can see the polarisation taking place smoothly and seamlessly, with favoured stars/producers/writers getting feted and rewarded for pushing supposedly patriotic/mythological films and crushing the competition. One can safely predict the names of Bollywood stars who will line up for Padma awards in 2021. Using a Bollywood tragedy to influence Bihar elections is just testing the waters for the big bang to come — the total takeover and makeover of Bollywood. Wait a minute. So far, the main targets in the NCB probe seem to be women. What about the men? Dekho, women make softer targets and create better photo-ops. Perhaps the NCB fellows really believe women are easier to scare. How wrong they are! Try picking up those muscled heroes and watch them squirm and squeal. Himmat hai?

— Shobhaa De in Sunday Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man fakes COVID-19 to elope with lover



Mumbai: A 28-year-old married man from Mumbai, recently made international news headlines for lying to his family about getting infected with COVID-19 as an excuse to run away with his lover.

The man identified as Manish Mishra called his wife to say that he had tested positive for COVID-19 and that he didn't want to live anymore. He then proceeded to shut off his phone, which caused his family to panic. His wife called her brother for help after receiving the bizarre call, and he advised her to file a missing persons report with the Navi Mumbai police.

The investigation that followed showed that the 28-year-old supervisor had actually used the dreaded illness as a pretext to leave his family and elope with his mistress.

Police finally tracked down Mishra to the city of Indore, where he was reportedly living with his lover, hoping that his family had written him off as dead. On September 15, he was picked up and taken back to Navi Mumbai, where he was reunited with his family.

Daughter accuses father of cheating in ludo, goes to Court

Bhopal: A 24-year-old woman from Madhya Pradesh approached the Bhopal Family Court against her father alleging him for cheating in the game of Ludo. Court counselor Sarita did four round of counseling session with the woman. She further informed that the woman said that she had lost respect for her father and he should have lost in the game for the sake of her happiness.

On being asked about the reason to approach the Court, the 24-year old said that she trusted her father and did not expect him to cheat. However, after several rounds of counseling the woman felt positive.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is carrageenan safe to eat?

Carrageenan is a potential but not yet proven nutritional hazard. If you have a form of inflammatory bowel disease, try eliminating products that contain carrageenan to see if your symptoms improve. Carrageenan is found in dairy and non-dairy products as a thickener.

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	276
Total positive cases	:	10,333
Total discharges	:	8,456
Total deaths	:	100
Total active cases	:	1,777

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	38
Total positive cases	:	3,810
Total discharges	:	2,988
Total deaths	:	70
Total active cases	:	741

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	53
Total positive cases	:	2,567
Total discharges	:	2,088
Total deaths	:	33
Total active cases	:	446

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	408
Total positive cases	:	15,624
Total discharges	:	12,489
Total deaths	:	274
Total active cases	:	2,861

Really...?

- *More than 100 billion bananas are eaten every year in the world, making them the fourth most popular agricultural product.*
- *More than 96 percent of American households buy bananas at least once a month.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: ***You must never begin a sentence with "I is ..."***

Student: ***Please sir, what's wrong with "I is a vowel ?"***

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.57
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 93.99
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.03
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.60

VOICE OF THE READER

Suggestions to resolve stray dog menace

Sir,

This has reference to many letters and WhatsApp messages to *SOM* on the street dog menace. There has been a rise in the number of complaints as also the number of street dog population.

In this regard, I had suggested a scheme in which MCC would formulate a programme of inviting local residents to voluntarily come forward to take care of these strays with an assurance of expenses of looking after the strays to be borne by the MCC out of its health budget.

The strays so adopted by the local residents would be duly neutered to control their otherwise exponential growth. The residents have to sincerely give their love and affection to the strays and keep them duly chained and taken care of for their daily needs.

Whenever the participating resident needs a break, other residents of the area may take charge temporarily and look after the additional dogs, if the need arises.

Regular visit of a veterinarian as per a set schedule can solve the health issues of the strays. Within a definite period of time the stray menace could be brought under good control.

When the MCC and other authorities expect the citizens to believe that the former are doing their duties to solve the issues of every kind faced by the latter, why not the citizens also to be fully trusted for their cooperation and thus take their help in this issue of stray dog menace which has remained unsolved for so many years?

Hope the authorities concerned and citizens will pay heed and try this out.

—Prof. B.S. Shankara (retd.)

Mysuru 27.9.2020

Dr. Shivaram Karanth Award for Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa

Mysuru, Sept.28- The city's acclaimed writer and *Saraswati Samman* awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa has been chosen for the prestigious Kota Shivaram Karanth Huttoora Award.

The award is given by Kota Dr. Shivaram Karanth Huttoora Prashasthi Prathishtana, in association with Kotathattu Gram Panchayat, the birthplace of Karanth, to those achievers who have excelled in any of Karanth's field of interest, for at least 15 years.

Dr. Karanth *Dr. Bhyrappa*

The award will be conferred on Oct.10 at a programme to take place at Shivaram Karanth Theme Park at Kota in Udupi district, marking the birth anniversary of the late Jnanpith awardee.

The previous winners of the award are former Chief Minister Dr. M. Veerappa Moily, Justice M.N. Venkatachalaiah, K.Ramakrishna Hande, Senior Journalist Ravi Belagere, Director Girish Kasaravalli, actress B.Jayashri, Dr. M. Mohan Alva, Saalumarada Thimmakka, Chittani Ramachandra Hegde, Jayant Kaikini, Sadanand Suvarna, Dr. B.M. Hegde, actor Prakash Rai, Shree Padre and Kavita Mishra.

COVID test must for those taking part in 'Jumboo Savari': Minister

Mysuru, Sept.28 (PM&DM)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar said that everyone taking part in 'Jumboo Savari' procession will be tested for COVID-19 five days ahead of the event.

He was speaking to pressperson after holding a Dasara preparatory meeting at the new Deputy Commissioner's Office in Siddarthanagar yesterday.

Pointing out that those attending the procession should possess a COVID -19 negative report, Somashekar said that all necessary precautionary and safety measures will be taken during the event. Noting that four Dasara preparatory meetings have been held so far, he said that the five Dasara elephants will be welcomed at the Palace on Oct.2. The welcome ceremony will take place in the auspicious *Dhanur Lagna* between 12.18 pm and 12.49 pm at Jayamarthanda Gate of the Palace, he added.

Continuing, Somashekar said that yesterday's meeting discussed the preparations for the 10-day Dasara festival inauguration atop Chamundi Hill on Oct.17, the cultural events to take place in the Palace and 'Jumboo Savari' procession in the Palace premises on Oct.26.

Reacting to a query on the arrangements for Dasara procession, the Minister said he, along with fellow Minister C.T. Ravi and MLA S.A. Ramdas, have appealed the Chief Secretary of the State to allow participation of 2,000 people for Dasara procession, 1,000 people for Dasara cultural programmes and 250 people for Dasara inauguration atop Chamundi Hill. The Chief Secretary is expected to respond to the plea in a couple of days after going through the Centre's guidelines on the issue. He further said that the next Dasara meeting will take place on Oct.2, when a more clear picture will emerge.

SPB memorial programme: During the meeting, Somashekar directed the officials to give prominence for local artistes at Dasara cultural programmes to take place in the Palace. The meeting also deliberated on organising a cultural event in memory of legendary singer S. P. Balasubrahmanyam (SPB) who passed away recently.

MP Pratap Simha, MLAs S. A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, Deputy Commissioner (DC) B. Sharat, Additional DC B.S. Manjunathaswamy, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, ZP CEO D. Bharathi, MCC Commmissioner Gurudatta Hegde and other officials were present.

Obituary

Annapoorna

Mysuru, Sept. 28 - Annapoorna (75), a resident of Chamundipuram, passed away yesterday night in city.

She leaves behind her son J. Rohit, partner of Ideal Relations and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill today, according to family sources.

Nanjundappa

Nanjundappa (74), a resident of Basaveshwara Road near Agrahara, passed away yesterday evening in city.

He leaves behind his wife Rudramma, sons Srikanth and Rohit and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds at Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon, according to family sources.

M.S. Prabhakar

M.S. Prabhakar (62), Chief Priest of Panchamukhi Ganapathy Temple on Bannimantap Road and a resident of Srirampura 2nd Stage, passed away last Tuesday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, grandchild and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the burial grounds near Metagalli Power Station the next day (Wednesday), according to family sources.

Pramila Iengar

Pramila Iengar (80), former President of Matrumandali Mysuru Branch (Avadhoota Datta Peetham) and a resident of Saraswathipuram 16th Main, passed away on Aug. 26 in city.

She leaves behind her husband Krishna Aiyangar, Engineer and Trustee of Sri Ganapathy Ashram and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed on Aug. 27 at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

Puttaswamy

Puttaswamy (85), proprietor of Perfect Tailors at Nanjumalige Circle, passed away on Sept. 26 in city. He leaves behind his wife, three sons, including Dr. M.P. Basavaraju and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

Former Principal of Ramakrishna Vidyashala passes away

B.S. Srikantaiah

Mysuru, Sept. 28 - B.S. Srikantaiah (90), former Principal and Headmaster of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala at Yadavagiri, passed away in the wee hours of today in city. He was ailing since a few days.

His wife had predeceased him and he was residing in the quarters of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala.

Srikantaiah had been serving the institution ever since the Vidyashala was established in 1953 and continued to serve the institution even after his retirement, in the capacity of the Co-ordinator.

Last rites were held in Mysuru today, according to sources.

Free COVID-19 test for teachers: DDPI

Mysuru, Sept.28(SPN&SSV)- A free COVID-19 test is arranged for teachers of the entire district. As per Mysuru Deputy Commissioner's oral direction, the Deputy Director, Department of Public Instruction (DDPI) Dr. Panduranga has asked Block Education Officers and Taluk Health Officers to contact primary and high school teachers in their jurisdiction to facilitate free testing up to Sept.30.

NEWS BRIEFS

Lab technicians, data entry operators

With an aim to conduct aggressive COVID-19 testing, Health Department has invited applications to recruit private Lab Technicians and Data Entry Operators due to shortage of staff members in the Department conducting these tests. In case of non-availability of sufficient number of Lab Technicians, Department is planning to employ Nursing and Paramedical personnel, Diploma Holders and other Science Graduates. Lab Technicians will be given a monthly salary of Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 15 for each sample of throat swab to be sent for Corona testing. Data Entry Operators will be given a monthly salary of Rs. 14,000. Interested candidates can register their names and apply along with necessary documents at Office of District Health and Family Welfare Officer or Office of Health Officer in their respective taluks, according to a press release.

Selected for Award

Suma Chandrashekar, a young writer from Mysuru, has bagged 'Lalithadevi Gurusiddappa Sindhura Endowment Award' for her book 'Satya Pathada Nitya Santa.' The award is being given by Kannada Sahitya Parishat for the year 2019. In connection with 150th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, the Government of Karnataka has published this book through Kannada Book Authority. The book has 18 chapters throwing light on life and message of the Mahatma. A promising writer, her works are published in leading newspapers. She is also the recipient of 'Gandhi Smruthi' and 'Kannada Manikya Ratna' awards.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.50 ft
Yesterday	124.25 ft
Inflow	10,159 cusecs
Outflow	5,912 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.82 ft
Inflow	2,516 cusecs
Outflow	3,292 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,858.87 ft
Inflow	1,292 cusecs
Outflow	1,300 cusecs

'Govt. must utilise Rs. 15 crore Dasara fund for COVID care'

Mysuru, Sept. 28 (PM&DM)- Former Chamarajanagar Congress MP R. Dhruvanarayan said that the Government must spend Rs. 15 crore Dasara fund for stopping the spread of the deadly COVID-19 contagion which is causing havoc across the globe.

Speaking at the launch of the party's 'Arogya Hasta' — COVID awareness programme — at Devaraja Mohalla in city, by offering puja at Amrutheshwara Temple in the area on Saturday, he said that the Government has decided to celebrate Dasara-2020 in a simple manner in the wake of COVID-19 crisis and in this backdrop, it would be wise on the part of the Government to spend Rs. 15 crore Dasara fund for COVID care.

Alleging that workers of the Health Department have not been paid wages for three months, he said that the Government has constrained Health Minister B. Sriramulu from making announcements on Corona issues.

Ridiculing that Ministers Dr. K. Sudhakar, R. Ashoka, Suresh Kumar and Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan have been issuing statements on COVID crisis, Dhruvanarayan maintained that the Health Minister in neighbouring Kerala was given the freedom to make Department announcements, while this is not so in the case of Sriramulu.

Lauding Kerala for its measures to tackle Corona, he asked the State to learn from Kerala, which has succeeded in bringing down mortality rate to the lowest.

Congress leaders R. Dhruvanarayan, Vasu, Prashanth Gowda, H.A. Venkatesh and others seen during the launch of the party's 'Arogya Hasta' progamme at Devaraja Mohalla in city on Saturday.

Accusing the State Government of failing to control private hospitals who have indulged in looting the public in the name of Corona care, the former MP wanted the Government to convene a meeting of the heads of all Departments to discuss the issue.

Former MLA Vasu, echoing the observations of Dhruvanarayan, said that even though the Government has announced that it would be a low-key Dasara this year, it is ridiculous that Rs.15 crore has been announced for the ten-day festival.

He wanted the Government to spend this fund for upgrading the facilities at K.R. Hospital and the designated COVID Hospital on KRS Road.

He also urged the Government to provide ventilators and oxygen facilities at Government-run hospitals, which are catering to the health needs of the poor.

Accident victim succumbs to injuries

Mysuru, Sept. 28 (RK&KS)- A 36-year-old youth, who had sustained serious injuries in a road accident on Sept. 10 night and admitted to a private hospital here, has succumbed to injuries on Saturday morning.

Kumaraswamy

The deceased youth is Kumaraswamy, son of Narayana and a resident of Hosakeri 2nd Cross in K.R. Mohalla.

Kumaraswamy was proceeding on his bike on Nanjangud Road at about 9.40 pm on Sept. 10 and when he took a right turn towards Gundu Rao Nagar, another bike, which came in the opposite direction rammed into the bike Kumaraswamy was riding resulting in him suffering serious injuries.

Kumaraswamy was admitted to a private hospital and had got himself discharged four days ago. As his health condition began to worsen, he was admitted to another private hospital on Sept. 25, but succumbed to injuries yesterday morning, according to the Police.

Post-mortem was conducted at MMC&RI mortuary yesterday and the body was handed over to his family members. K.R. Traffic Police, who have registered a case are investigating.

Deceased Kumaraswamy leaves behind his wife Pallavi and 9-year-old son Nuthan.

Road works at Rs. 3.15 crore launched

Mysuru District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar performing Bhoomi Puja near Sri Chandramouleshwara Temple in Jayalakshmipuram yesterday to launch road development works including asphalting 2.25 km stretch (14.40 mts wide) from Mathru Mandali Circle in Jayalakshmipuram coming under Chamaraja constituency via Kalidasa Road to Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple in Vijayanagar (Gen. K.S. Thimayya Road Junction). The works taken up at a cost of Rs.3.15 crore also includes installing humps, name boards and lane marking. MLA L. Nagendra, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, Corporators M.U. Subbaiah, Bhagya Madesh, Namratha Ramesh, Ravindra, BJP City President Srivatsa, PWD EE Harsha, AEE Raju, Chamaraja Constituency BJP President Somashekar Raju, Vice-President Kumara Gowda, City Yuva Morcha President Kiran Gowda, former Dy. Mayor Mahadevappa, Contractor Ashok Govindegowda and others were present.

Andhra youth goes missing from Hebbal

Banuprakash

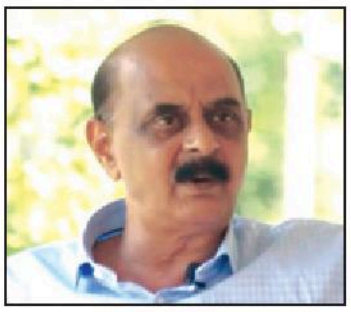
Mysuru, Sept. 28 (KS)- A 28-year-old youth from Dharmavaram in Andhra Pradesh (AP), who had come to city, has gone missing from Hebbal from Sept. 21 at 7 am, according to the complaint lodged by his brother at Hebbal Police Station.

The missing youth is Banuprakash. He is 5.7 ft. tall, round faced, normal built, wheatish complexioned, speaks Kannada, Telugu and English and was wearing a white T-shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing youth may contact Hebbal Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from the Police.

Dasara Elephants Webinar Series

Fearless Abhimanyu had made a pair of huge wild elephants retreat: Former Veterinarian



Veterinarian Dr. B.C. Chittiappa

Abhimanyu helping in stacking logs at Mathigodu Elephant Camp last week.

Mysuru, Sept. 28 (MTY&KS)- Retired Forest Department Veterinarian and Deputy Director of Kodagu District Animal Husbandry Department Dr. B.C. Chittiappa, who spoke at 'Mysuru Dasara Aanegalu,' a series of webinars organised by the Forest Department, in association with Asian Elephant Support (AES) organisation, recollected his moments with this year's Golden Howdah elephant Abhimanyu.

Speaking at the fifth series of the webinar, Dr. Chittiappa said that during a combing operation undertaken to capture wild elephants that had created ruckus in villages bordering forest area, two wild elephants attacked the forest team all of a sudden but Abhimanyu, who was part of the team, did not display any signs of fear and tackled both the elephants making them retreat.

Pointing out that Abhimanyu is not only strong, brave and fearless but also intelligent, who is quick to understand, learn, and devise or apply ideas, he said that Abhimanyu perfectly fulfils the responsibility given to him and added that he (Abhimanyu) understands where he is being taken, when being led from his camp and prepares himself for the task. Continuing, Dr. Chittiappa said that whenever 'Gaadhi' and 'Namdha' is placed on Abhimanyu's back, he understands that he is being led to capture a tiger or elephant and he prepares for the task mentally and added that this is the speciality of Abhimanyu.

During the operation to capture wild elephants, Abhimanyu has the ability to prepare himself according to the size of the wild elephants. Though Abhimanyu is strong and brave, his tusks are small when compared to other wild elephants whose tusks are usually long. His short tusks make him susceptible to injuries when attacked by other wild elephants, Dr. Chittiappa said and added that still Abhimanyu does not step back in fulfilling the tasks given to him as Abhimanyu knows how to tackle wild elephants with long tusks.

Recalling an incident when an injured wild elephant had remained standing in water for almost three days continuously, Dr. Chittiappa said that though the staff went near the elephant to provide treatment and bring it out of the water, they could not bring the injured elephant out of the water. Here too, Abhimanyu had displayed his intelligence and slowly pushed the injured elephant out of the water which made it possible for the Forest staff to treat the injured elephant, he said.

Abhimanyu's Mahout Vasanth, who also spoke, explained about his relationship with the elephants. He said that his father Sannappa, who was the Kavadi of Arjuna, was appointed as the Mahout of Abhimanyu after he (Abhimanyu) was captured in 1977. It was here that he developed his relationship with Abhimanyu.

"My father has led Abhimanyu successfully in pulling the chariot during 'Jumboo Savari.' I have participated 20 times in Dasara at Mysuru and three times in Srirangapatna Dasara. I was the Mahout, who led the elephant carrying a wooden howdah amongst the crowd in Srirangapatna. I have also participated in operations undertaken to capture more than 100 wild elephants and eight tigers. We both have good relationship between us and I love him and take care of him for which he trusts me. Maintaining this relationship is my responsibility now," said Vasanth.

The webinar series will go on till Oct. 2 everyday at 5.30 pm. In today's webinar, experts will speak about Balarama and other elephants. Those interested may log on to *https://tinyurl.com/y3ml394a*

Abhimanyu's Mahout Vasanth.

Cauvery Nisargadhama near Kushalnagar witnesses spurt in tourist footfalls

Kushalnagar, Sept. 28- With the Government opening up the tourism sector following phased COVID-19 induced lockdown relaxations, Cauvery Nisargadhama, a prominent tourist destination near Kushalnagar in Kodagu, is witnessing a spurt in the number of tourists in recent days.

Yesterday, being a Sunday, the tourist spot recorded as many as 600 visitors and this number is significantly more when compared to last week.

Overall, the district recorded more number of visitors, thus bringing some hope for those dependent on the tourism industry. However, at the same time, tourists are disappointed that other most visited tourist spots such as Dubare Elephant Camp and the Golden Temple at Bylakuppe have not re-opened for tourists despite lockdown relaxations.

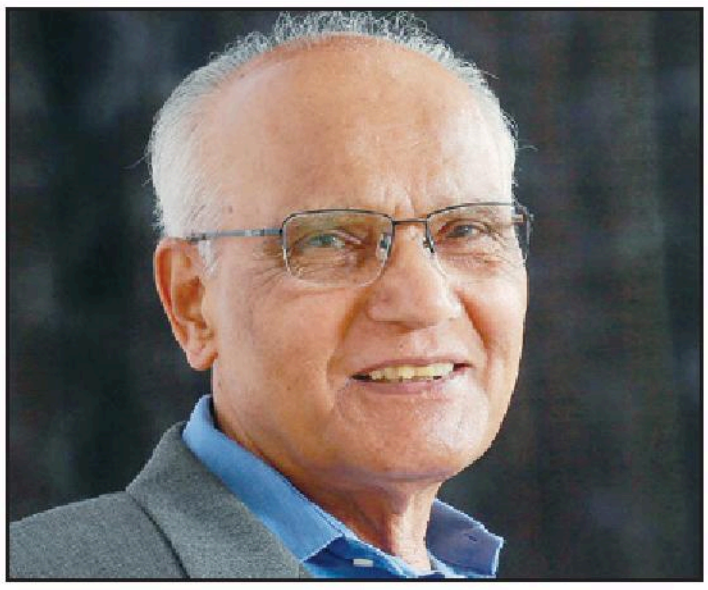
Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa: A legend in his own lifetime among novelists –1

Dr. M. S. Vijaya Haran. Who is that? I was rather surprised to receive a phone call from her about a month ago. Honestly, I had only heard of her name.

Instantly she identified herself as the former Director of Akashvani, Mysore and one who recently published a book titled *'Namma Bhyrappanavaru'* (Our Bhyrappa). She said she had sent a copy of the book to me and would like me to write about it in my column in *Star of Mysore*. I readily agreed — after all, the request was from a scholar and the subject was a giant among the Kannada novelists.



Best-selling Novelist Dr. S. L. Bhyrappa

It is a collection of 109 opinions expressed by a cross-section of readers of Dr. Bhyrappa's novels and writings in Kannada and other languages to which his original writings were translated. A book of 434 pages, appropriately titled *'Namma Bhyrappanavaru'*. Very well edited by Dr. Vijaya Haran.

While a list of all the 109 writers with their names, title of the article and the page numbers are provided in the "contents", each article too must have carried the number chronologically for the readers' convenience. Another deficiency I found was not providing a list of all the books written by Bhyrappa. Since different writers referred to different books they have read, the reader of this book would look for opinions about other books of Bhyrappa. I am told Bhyrappa has written over 30 books. No mean achievement for any writer producing each book as a masterpiece and best-seller.

Best-seller, yes. I have not checked with Kannada Book Publishers but one publisher told me that he did not think there was any other Kannada writer whose books were best-sellers except that of Bhyrappa. He recalled that *'Avarana'* became a best-seller even before its first edition came out! No wonder many of his books have seen many editions both in Kannada and in translation, specially Marathi.

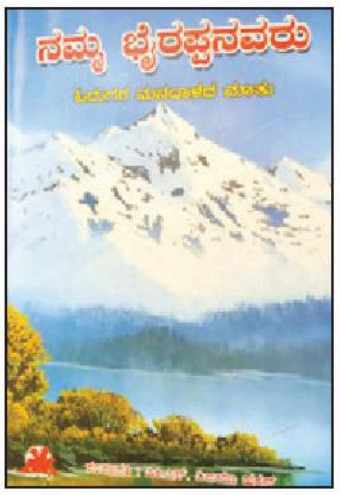
I have read this book *'Namma Bhyrappanavaru'* from cover to cover — leaving out a few in between — because it is highly readable. Well sir, after all, every person is, in some way, a voyeur!! It means being curious to know what others are doing. Readers of Bhyrappa's books have given their opinions about the benefits and joy they derived in reading them. It is very thoughtful of Dr. Vijaya Haran to have asked these respondents, to her request for the article, NOT to review the book but to write about the influence the book they read had on them. But some have written about their inter-personal contact with Bhyrappa, apparently feeling proud about it. A kind of curiosity is created in the readers of this book as they turn pages till the end. And if you know the contributors, I know some of them, your curiosity will be more as it happened with me.

For example, I was reading the article by Dr. V. Laxmi Narayan, Diabetic Specialist. He goes overboard in joy about being a family doctor for Bhyrappa. He does not forget to mention he was also the family doctor for Kuvempu. Dr. Laxmi Narayan also speaks of Bhyrappa's Pace Maker to regulate the heart rate and I was reminded about my own Pace Maker. Wonder if time has come for replacing mine with a new one, what with COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions!

Another interesting contraption, he calls in the article as 'bullet train', which is provided in Bhyrappa's house to take him to his work place upstairs which is 20 steps climb, also reminded me of my visit to former Justice C. Shivappa's house in Pattasomanahalli in Pandavapura taluk where I found his single-seater 'bullet train' to take Justice Shivappa upstairs without having to climb the flight of steps. It was attached to the staircase.

Likewise another article by well-known Sanskrit and Research Scholar Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao (who also writes a weekly column for our sister publication *Mysooru Mithra*) made good reading for me. It mentions of the writing of the book *'Saartha'*, also considered a masterpiece. The subject relates to events that happened during 8th century India, India of the days of Shankaracharya, the legendary Hindu Monk who, it is said, was responsible for arresting the spread of Buddhism in India. The book *'Saartha'* also deals with the famous debate on religion, God and ethics between Shankara and another well-known Hindu Scholar Mandana Misra, propounding Karma theory about which our Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently mentioned in his speech at a function.

Be that as it may, Dr. Nagaraja Rao writes that during the period Dr. Bhyrappa was writing the book *'Saartha'*, an 8th century period story when Sanskrit was the sacerdotal language of the Saints and the religious scholars, Dr. Bhyrappa felt he must get a flavour of Sanskrit language to have an aura of that period in the narration. So it was arranged between them that Dr. Nagaraja Rao should join Dr. Bhyrappa during his evening walk and



Cover page of the book

talk only in Sanskrit of which Dr. Bhyrappa had a smattering knowledge. That was in 1990. When the book was published, naturally, it made news and became a best-seller. Later its Sanskrit translation was proposed and Bhyrappa's natural choice for the translator was Dr. Nagaraja Rao! It also won the National Sahitya Academy Award for Dr. Nagaraja Rao for best translation.

Now let me revert to the book *'Namma Bhyrappanavaru'*.

Indeed Dr. Bhyrappa is an extraordinary wordsmith in Kannada. Like a potter, who uses the clay to mould his products, in the novel Bhyrappa uses the words the way he wants to create a masterpiece. What marble was to Michelangelo, Kannada language is to Bhyrappa. That, perhaps, is the reason for his wide readership. There is minimum of rhetorics unlike some of the other well-known writers in Kannada. He is not exhibiting scholarship or mastery over the language. He is writing simply to tell a story that will create magic in the minds of his readers! Which is why his books become unputdownable once you begin to read. Take his *'Bitthi'*, *'Parva'* or *'Avarana.'* I vouch for it.

'Namma Bhyrappanavaru,' in a sense, is an experiment in recognising a literary person and also evaluating his mass of works. Here the editor of this book Dr. M.S. Vijaya Haran is like a researcher-scientist. Looking at the book I guess she has succeeded to a great measure in her efforts.

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Covishield trial

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Covishield is the third vaccine to enter human trials in the country, after Bharat Biotech's Covaxin and Zydus Cadila's ZyCoV-D began tests in July. The vaccine, developed by Jenner Institute of Oxford University, was launched under the brand name 'Covishield' in India. The Serum Institute has tied up with British-Swedish pharmaceutical firm AstraZeneca to produce 1 billion doses of the vaccine in the country.

Sources said that volunteers would be observed for any reaction to the vaccine and also for the generation of antibodies against Coronavirus. After ensuring that there are no safety concerns in 100 trials, 1,500 people would be administered the (potential) vaccine across the country in the next phase and generation of antibodies will be observed. If the results are positive, the vaccine is likely to be made available.

If the required data of the trials is obtained by December 2020, some good news can be expected from January 2021.

Admission to M.Tech in Materials Science

Mysuru, Sept. 28 - University of Mysore (UoM) has invited applications for admission to M.Tech in Materials Science, an application-oriented interdisciplinary technology oriented course, started in the year 2012-13, with funding from University Grants Commission (UGC).

Students who have passed BE/MBBS/B.Tech/B.Pharma/BDS/B.Sc(Ag)/M.Sc(Ag) or any B.Sc courses are eligible to apply.

A total of 30 seats are available with 15 seats each reserved for scheme A and B. Oct. 17 is the last date to apply. Contact Ph: 0821-2419444.

Diploma courses for Differently Abled

Mysuru, Sept. 28- Differently Abled candidates who have passed SSLC and two years ITI examinations are eligible for direct admission to the 3rd semester Diploma Courses during the academic year 2020-21.

Candidates may contact the Principal, JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled, Mysuru, on Ph: 0821-2548315 or Mob: 96866-77236, according to the press release.

Karnataka Bandh scenes in city

Farmers staging protest at the Sub-Urban Bus Stand.

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Police had blocked the stretch from Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle to K.R. Circle for vehicular movement when the farmers staged dharna.

Marking the bandh, the protesters also took out bike rallies on several prominent roads of the city, raising slogans against the Central and State Governments.

They accused the Governments of pursuing anti-people policies by introducing farm bills and making amendments to Land Reforms and APMC Acts that are a death warrant for the farming community and also badly affect the common man.

Although most of the shops on D. Devaraja Urs Road, Santhepet, Shivarampet, Ashoka Road, Dhanvanthri Road, N.S. Road, Sayyaji Rao Road and other commercial streets in the Central Business District (CBD) did not open as usual in the morning, several of them opened later in the day after the bandh fizzled out as hours passed by.

Autos and other public modes of transport too were off the roads in the morning hours but they later began to hit the streets slowly, with the city returning to near normalcy by afternoon.

Meanwhile, the response to the bandh in localities seemed to be have had lesser effect as most shops opened late in the morning. Also many areas witnessed less than normal public movement in the morning. Petrol Bunks, Hotels, Medical Shops, Milk Booths and other essential services functioned as usual.

Speaking to press persons this noon, DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda said that the bandh had passed off peacefully so far with no untoward incidents reported from any part of the city.

Maintaining that permission was given only for staging a peaceful protest and not for taking out any procession, he said that farmers and activists who tried to take out a procession to K.R. Circle were taken into preventive custody.

As a security measure, the Cops were deployed in large numbers in CBD, markets, bus stands and other prominent junctions and joints in the city.

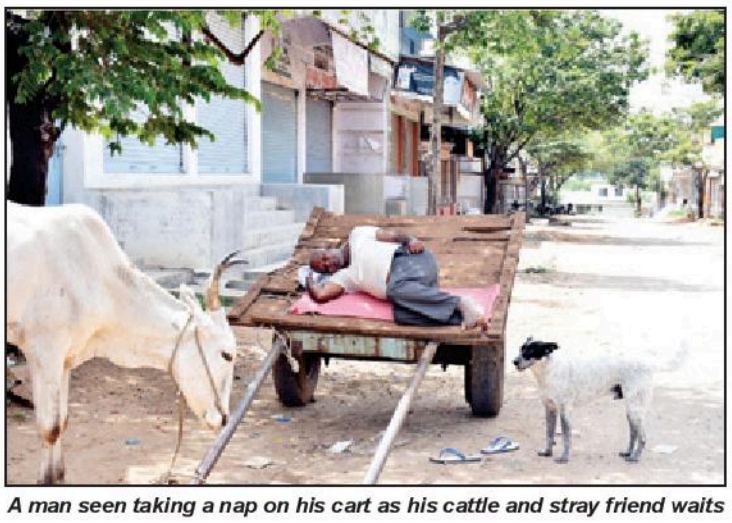
At Nanjangud: It was mixed response for the bandh at Nanjangud with Petrol Bunks, offices, banks and other commercial establishments functioning as usual today.

While a group of 50 farmers, led by Hadya Ravi were taken into custody at Hullahalli Circle for trying to block the road, another group of farmers led by Vidyasagar of Hasiru Sene staged a protest in front of the Taluk Office and submitted a memorandum to the Tahsildar.

KSRTC authorities had stopped the buses due to lack of commuters in the morning.

A lone passenger waiting for bus service to start once the protest ends.

The Police personnel at a bandh briefing session in bus stand.



A man seen taking a nap on his cart as his cattle and stray friend waits for him to wakeup at APMC premises.

Union Health Minister cautions against "routine use" of plasma therapy

New Delhi, Sept. 28- Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan on Sunday cautioned against "routine use" of plasma therapy and anti-viral drug Remdesivir to treat COVID-19 patients, stating that these are "investigational therapies" and should be adopted "rationally".

Anti-viral drug Remdesivir and Convalescent Plasma Therapy (CPT) are being used widely, besides other drugs, to treat critically ill COVID patients in many States, including Maharashtra and Delhi. The pandemic has infected more than 60 lakh people in the country. Their use is said to have increased especially after CPT was administered to two Delhi Government Ministers.

"Regarding the wide usage of investigational therapies such as Remdesivir and plasma therapy, the Union Health Minister has stated that the Central Govt. has issued regular advisories regarding their rational usage. Private hospitals have also been advised against routine use of these investigational therapies. Doctors in the States and Union Territories are being made aware of this through webinars and during tele-consultation session of AIIMS-New Delhi," Health Ministry statement read.

Two Ministers in the Delhi Government who tested positive for coronavirus — Health Minister Satyender Jain and Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia — have been given plasma therapy at a private hospital in Delhi when their condition deteriorated.

Jain, who recovered from COVID-19 in June, had vouched for CPT's efficacy a day after a study by India's top medical research body ICMR stated that giving plasma had negligible effect on reducing death risk.

Civil Services exams can't be postponed over COVID: UPSC

New Delhi, Sept. 28- The Civil Services exam scheduled on Oct. 4 cannot be postponed over the Coronavirus crisis, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) told the Supreme Court today. The Top Court was hearing a request seeking postponement of Civil Services exam. The Court today asked UPSC — the Central recruiting agency for appointments to and exams for various Civil Services of the Govt. — to file its affidavit by tomorrow and will hear the case again on Oct. 23.

The exam, which was earlier scheduled on May 31, was rescheduled to Oct. 4 due to the pandemic. Twenty Civil Services aspirants had approached the Supreme Court, seeking for the crucial exam to be deferred by two to three months due to the flood situation in several parts of the country as well as COVID-19.

The aspirants said that the Civil Services exam, being a recruitment examination, is completely different from an academic examination and in the event of its postponement, there would not be any question of delay or loss of any academic session.

The petitioners said holding the exams at such a time "is nothing else but putting lives of lakhs of young students (including petitioners herein) at utmost risk and danger of disease and death."

One of the petitioners, the father of a candidate, told the Court that his son is an officer with the Government and that due to heavy work load because of COVID, he was unable to take leave and prepare for the exam, whereas the others managed to stay home and prepare well. Several other important exams, including the NEET Medical entrance exam and the JEE for admission to the IITs, which too were postponed due to COVID-19, have already been held.

CM defends Farm Bills

Bengaluru, Sept. 28- Even as the bandh was on, Chief Minister B. S. Yediyurappa, who addressed a press meet at his Home Office 'Krishna' in Bengaluru this afternoon, strongly defended the farm bills introduced by the Centre and the amendments made by the State Government to Land Reforms and APMC Acts. He said that they were only in the interests of farmers.

Maintaining that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched several novel programmes and initiatives for the welfare of the farming community, the CM argued that the farm bills were aimed at doubling farmers' income as promised by the PM.

Stating that the bills were introduced with an objective of eliminating middlemen menace in trading of agri produce, he alleged that the bandh call was given by vested interests who sought to retain their monopolistic hold on the farming community.

Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

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'Mirror' to maximise positive energy

Feng Shui is the art of creating a happy living environment within the home, one that ushers in good energy and feel which is not only beneficial but positive for the occupants.

It is probably more correctly called the Chinese art of alignment due to the fact that if a space is aligned properly, the residents in that space function better. Metaphorically speaking, Feng Shui is to a house what acupuncture is to a body. When correctly applied, Feng Shui is a tool that can correct problem areas, such as ill-health, strained relationships, or difficulties with children.

The Ancient Art of Feng Shui can dramatically improve your health, happiness and personal prosperity by maximising positive energy and harmony in the home, garden and office.

Feng Shui can be a powerful force shaping our lives but it is not a cure for all ills. What we do with our lives and how we behave towards others will play a part, and education gives us the tools to make sense of the world.

One of the methods to enhance the feel of your space through Feng Shui is using bright objects to enhance the energy flow. Objects like glass, mirrors, crystals and anything with a shiny metal surface activates the energy especially if you have dark and gloomy corners in your home or office.

A simple yet effective tools in creating and channelising energy flow in a space is using mirror and lights. Mirrors can create a feel of expanse and take away the feel of a cramped room. It can also draw in good energy especially if it reflects a water feature, ocean or greenery. Use mirror opposite a light source such as a window to maximise the natural daylight and enlarge the space and to cover your couch and sofa.

Mirrors in dining area are considered good and said to enhance fortunes as it symbolically doubles the food on the table. Placing a mirror on the North wall is said to enhance protection to the households livelihood but care needs to be exercised that it does not reflect the main door or toilets or stove in the kitchen.

> Placing attractive candles in the foyer and even a plant in summer time in front of a mirror can be a good activator of Feng Shui as they are very powerful at expanding energy and making space look larger.

Mirrors add to the depth and space of the dining area but ensure that the dining table is not too large and creates a feel of small space or cramped area as this would make the area less pleasurable.

Adapting even say a mirror above a fireplace creates a powerful focal point in the room with the reflection of the mirror providing a cooling antidote to the heat of the fire. All that you need to ensure is that the mirror reflects a beautiful view like a nice crystal chandelier or something peasant to enhance the energy and feel of the place.

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However, exercise caution while adapting mirrors and ensure that there are no mirrors reflecting the main door directly as it is said that energy coming in is sent back, but you can have mirrors on the side wall to brighten up a foyer or door way.

Similarly Mirrors reflecting the bed in a the bedroom are a taboo as they are said to create stress and disturbed sleep which cause illness in the long run. Lastly avoid mirrors reflecting the stove as they double the fire energy in the kitchen with the reflection.

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RK Ashram distributes grocery kits to ASHA workers

Mysuru, Sept. 28 (RKB&DM)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar distributed grocery kits to 'Corona Warriors' ASHA workers during the 'Haccha Hasira Mysuru - Viveka Prabheya Mysuru' programme, a massive tree sapling distribution initiative marking the birth anniversary of Swami Sureshanandaji, at Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala in Yadavagiri here yesterday, under the aegis of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram.

The Minister also distributed scholarships to school children enrolled for Viveka Shikshana at the Vidyashala.

Speaking on the occasion, Sri Ramakrishna Ashram Mysuru head Swami Muktidanandaji said that the initiative involves distribution of saplings to households with an objective of making Mysuru greener.

Pointing out that the drive for distributing over 26,000 saplings began Saturday, he said that the world's ecology was subjected to a two pronged attack — one from mankind and other from natural disasters. Noting that while man made disasters are to be rectified by human beings themselves, he said that measures for protecting ecology and environment will largely help in preventing natural disasters. Asserting that humans are breathing out of the nature's every particle, he regretted the erosion of green cover for the sake of urbanisation. Explaining the concept of Viveka Prabha, he said that people are being sensitised on the importance of a wider green cover for a better and healthy life.

Noting that Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala in Yadavagiri represents a miniature forest with a wide variety of plants, trees and bushes, he said that the citizens must voluntarily come forward for growing plants in their premises and rooftops. Highlighting the importance of the initiative, he said that a greener Mysuru will show the way for conserving ecology and environment.

Continuing, Swami Muktidanandaji said that the Vidyashala has trained over 6,500 economically backward students from Government Schools through its Viveka Shikshana initiative in a period extending over 20 years.

Pointing out that every year 400 children of Kannada medium are imparted education through the initiative, he said that it is happy to note that two of the children had scored 95 percent marks in this year's SSLC exam.

MP Pratap Simha, in his address, said that Swami Vivekananda's speech at the Chicago Convention was a historical one for its tone and content.

Maintaining that Swami Vivekananda shed light on the country's cultural richness to the entire world, he said that the great Philosopher's influence will stay on for generations to come.

Earlier, Swami Shantivratanandaji welcomed. MLA L. Nagendra and others were present during the event.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Sept. 28- University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in History to **T. Nagaveni** for her thesis 'Lambadies in Ceded Bellary District from 1800 to 1948: A Study' submitted under the guidance of Dr. R. Rajanna.

H.B. Uma has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by UoM for her thesis 'Synthesis of Nanomaterials: Its Application in Photo-degradation of Organic Compounds and Preparation of Nanocomposites of Polymer Films' [Guide: Dr. S. Ananda].

C.M. Rekhamani has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by UoM for her thesis 'Shasanagala Hinneleyalli Beluru: Samskritika Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. M.G. Manjunatha].

VTU, Belagavi

Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, has awarded Ph.D in Electrical and Electronics Engineering to **H. Sheila** for her thesis 'Enhancement of Power Quality in Distribution Grid Connected to DG Using FACTS Controllers' [Guide: Dr. Shobha Shankar].

K.B. Kaveri has been awarded Ph.D in Electrical and Electronics Engineering by VTU for her thesis 'Effective Management of Solar and Wind Distributed Generation with Grid Using Smart Switching' [Guide: Dr. Shobha Shankar].

N. Gowtham has been awarded Ph.D in Electrical and Electronics Engineering by VTU for his thesis 'Enhancement of Power Quality with UPQC Using Different Optimisation Techniques' [Guide: Dr. Shobha Shankar].

MP Tejasvi appointed as BJP National Yuva Morcha President

Bengaluru, Sept. 28 (KMS&DM)- Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National President Jagat Prakash Nadda, in his first major reshuffle after he became the head of the party eight months ago, has appointed Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya as the President of BJP Yuva Morcha, the National youth wing of the party.

Tejasvi Surya

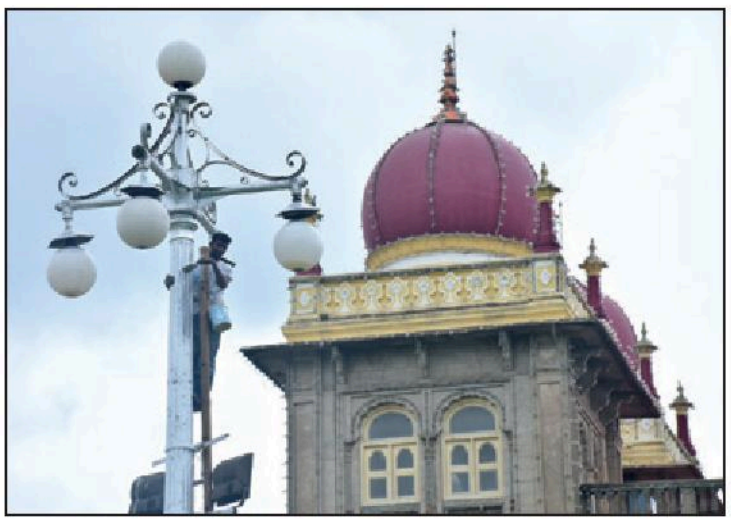
In another major appointment, Karnataka Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi has been made as the BJP National General Secretary.

Ravi is only the second from the State to be appointed for the top post after late Union Minister Ananth Kumar.

Ravi will also be appointed as in-charge of any one of the South Indian States.

With the appointment of Ravi, a Vokkaliga leader, the BJP leadership is said to be eyeing Vokkaliga vote bank and further strengthen the party in the State.

Palace readied for 'Jumboo Savari'



Mysuru, Sept. 28 (SBD&SSV; MTY&KS)- Upkeep of electric fittings inside the Mysore Palace is going on to keep date with Dasara 2020, which will begin on Oct. 17 and culminate with 'Jumboo Savari' on Oct. 26.

There are 25 five-lights lampposts, 12 seven-lights lampposts and over 250 OLP lampposts. Iron scaffoldings are being erected to clean lampposts and replace the burnt bulbs. Once these works are completed, the work of replacing the fused out incandescent bulbs will begin. Though this year Dasara celebrations are restricted to Chamundi Hill and Palace, all important circles, thoroughfares and the Government buildings will be illuminated. Giving a goodbye to the China-made lighting, the indigenously manufactured lighting will be used.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has directed the District Administration not to use any China items anywhere. All these years, the contractors were using China-made serial sets, bulbs and other things to illuminate the city. Now, they are procuring raw materials from Kolkata and Delhi to give a 'desi' touch Naada Habba.

ELEPHANT SHELTER

With five selected Dasara elephants scheduled to reach Mysuru from their respective camps on Oct. 1 and enter the Mysore Palace on Oct. 2, repair of stone slabs at elephant shelters in the Palace and replacing inter-locking tiles for these elephants to walk on are going on in full swing besides cleaning the premises for these Dasara guests.

As against 12 to 13 Dasara elephants, which used to arrive every year, only five elephants — Abhimanyu, Gopi, Vikram, Kaveri and Vijaya — have been selected for Dasara, which would be a low-key celebration, owing to COVID-19 pandemic this year.

Works on construction of a stone wall to prevent elephants from climbing up is going on. The stone wall was damaged as the elephants had stepped on them last year.

Laying of inter-locking tiles: The 500-mts stretch from Jayamarthanda Gate to the elephant shelter is laid with inter-locking tiles and the ground is being levelled in front of Kodi Someshwara Temple and next to the kitchen where food would be prepared for these gently giants.

Slush used to be formed at these places as rain water remained stagnant here which created problems when elephants were taken for walks.

During Navaratri celebration, 'Pattada Aane' and 'Nishane Aane' will take part in religious rituals inside the Palace and before the commencement of private durbar and every day morning, the elephants would participate in the rituals at Kodi Someshwara Temple, hence the repair works are taken up.

Workers atop iron scaffoldings involved in cleaning the lampposts and replacing the burnt bulbs at Mysore Palace premises in city.

Stone wall being built to prevent elephants from climbing up near the shelter where the Dasara elephants will be housed at the Palace premises from Oct.2. The wall was damaged as the elephants had stepped on them last year.

A view of Mysore Palace premises where Dasara elephants will be housed and food would be prepared for jumbos. Palace elephants are also in the frame. (Pics by LNY)

WORD OF THE DAY

Nepotism

Pronunciation: NEP-uh-tiz-um.
Meaning: Favoritism (as in appointment to a job) based on kinship.
Origin: During his papacy from 1471–1484, Sixtus IV granted many special favours to members of his family, in particular his nephews. This practice of papal favouritism was carried on by his successors, and in 1667 it was the subject of Gregorio Leti's book Il Nepotismo di Roma — titled in the English translation, The History of the Popes' Nephews. Shortly after the book's appearance, nepotism began to be used in English for the showing of special favour or unfair preference to any relative by someone in any position of power, be it ecclesiastical or not. (The nep- spelling is from nepote, a 17th-century variant of Italian nipote, meaning "nephew.").
Example: It was strongly believed that nepotism played a role in helping Jessica get the sales manager position at her cousin's store.

THE ODD WORD

Napoo

To destroy; to kill

PHRASE OF THE DAY

No questions asked

Meaning: No further information is to be asked for beyond what was initially given.
Origin: This expression has been around since at least the 1700s. An example of this phrase being used in writing comes from the Take The London Magazine from the year 1757, and there's a part inside that reads:
"Whoever brings her to Mrs. Trolly's above-mentioned, or to the guard-room at E Whitehall, shall have fifty guineas reward, and no questions asked."
Example: Alright everyone, may I have your attention for a moment? For the next few hours, everyone in this house will have to use the bathroom upstairs instead of the one downstairs, no questions asked. (I knew I shouldn't have eaten those bean burritos for breakfast.)

QUOTE BOX

Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers. — **Voltaire**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: A slice of life.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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6	9	4	3	5	2	1	7	8
5	1	2	8	7	4	9	3	6
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Father or daddy
5 Spend time idly
9 A score in rugby
12 ___ ___ have : everything that is owned by me? (3,1)
13 Romulus kin
14 Very small
15 Happen on or come to by chance (7,6)
18 "T" in T.N.
19 Eight as a prefix
20 Video game mfr.
22 Pole of a spear
26 Emblems of office
30 River to the Ubangi
31 A kind of Turkish hat
32 Popular tourist destination in North India
34 Managed
35 Covering, rind or skin
37 Scottish city
39 India's cricket trophy
41 Capek's futuristic play
42 This one's __ __ : I'll pay the bill? (2,2)
45 Correlation or proportion
49 Embarrassing gift (5,8)
53 Charged particle
54 Take a chance
55 "I ran" anagram for a man's pet name?
56 Court barrier
57 Perennial plant
58 Sounds like a cows or a bull

DOWN

1 Gone by
2 Canadian province - "Lata" anagram?
3 Round, stone-fruit
4 Directing a gun
5 Girl's name
6 Bread spread
7 Associate of the Institute of Company Accountants
8 Realities
9 Couple
10 A matter of legal importance in Latin
11 Affirmative
16 Bare, exposed; dreary
17 Ketu's counterpart in Indian folklore?
21 Garden pest
23 "Air" as prefix
24 Defect or blemish
25 First double digit number
26 At the back
27 Old Testament priest
28 Out of health, unwell
29 Pertaining to wings
31 Famous U.S. law enforcement agency
33 Unjustly assume
36 Something's tied up here
38 Ex-English batsman Thorpe
40 Lifeless or static
43 Golda of Israel
44 Otherwise
46 Source of poi in Hawaii?
47 ___ ___ uncertain terms : quite emphatically? (2,2)
48 Lift inventor
49 Be victorious
50 Weeding implement
51 Integer, in short?
52 Supplement with difficulty

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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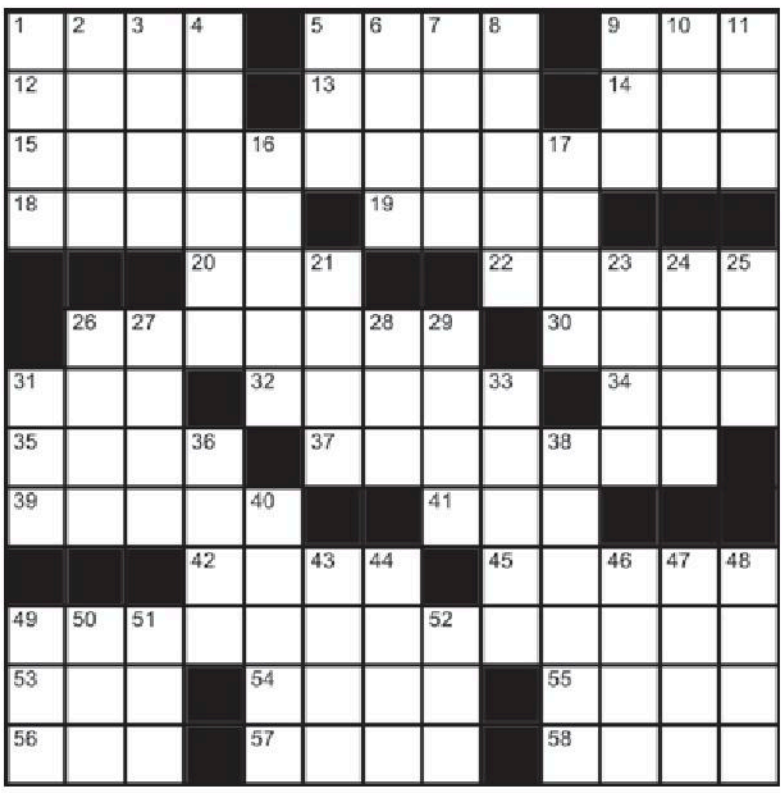

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GX INJ OVJFR FOKKIAK IX VHHOYWVAHO BOJO VK

KNHHOKKXNF VK INJ OVJFR FOKKIAK IX VAQOJ,

MIB UNHM MVYYGOJ BO BINFL VFF SO.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Opportunity does not knock, it presents itself when you beat down the door.

RR beat KXIP with record run-chase in IPL history

Sharjah, Sept. 28- Rajasthan Royals (RR) created a record for the highest successful run-chase in the IPL history as they beat Kings XI Punjab (KXIP) by four wickets in the ninth match of IPL 2020 here yesterday.

Put into bat, KXIP were off to a flying start as Mayank Agarwal and K.L. Rahul pretty much matched one another shot for shot. The two good friends were in for some fun and it was RR who wore the brunt of it as KXIP marched towards sixty at the end of powerplay, with Mayank and Rahul scoring 29 and 26 runs, respectively. Mandatory powerplay was over, but that did not deter either as KXIP continued to score at a rapid pace. While Mayank got a reprieve in the seventh over despite a fine fielding effort from Riyan Parag near the boundary rope, the KXIP opener continued to attack, hitting 2 sixes and a four in next over bowled by Rahul Tewatia.

The merry ways continued for Mayank as he then went after his Karnataka teammate — Shreyas Gopal — in the ninth over, slamming two sixes to bring up his fifty and team's hundred.

While Rahul completed his fifty in the 12th over, Mayank had moved past 80. The two, then completed the 150-run stand in the 14th over.

Mayank, who had scored 89 during KXIP's first game against Delhi Capitals, then completed his first IPL ton, hitting the final delivery of the 15th over for four.

Rahul Tewatia of Rajasthan Royals plays a shot during the IPL match against Kings XI Punjab at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium yesterday.

RR, though managed to stop the Mayank-Rahul juggernaut over the course of the next three overs. While Tom Curran dismissed Mayank after his 50-ball 106-run knock, which included 10 fours and 7 sixes, Ankit Rajpoot got Rahul out for 69 on the final ball of the 18th over.

However, RR still managed to score 29 off the last two overs as Nicholas Pooran scoring 25* off 8 and Glenn Maxwell scoring 13* off 9 balls to take KXIP to 223/2, which now is the highest team score in the IPL 2020.

With 224 runs to win, RR needed a blistering start and skipper Steve Smith did not waste any time to get going as he hit two fours in the first over of the chase. But KXIP managed to dismiss Jos Buttler in the third over as Sarfaraz Khan took a good low catch off Sheldon Cottrell. Sanju Samson then joined Smith in the middle, and the pair continued from where they had left in the first game against Chennai Super Kings.

Sanju Samson needed no sighters whatsoever as he creamed the first legal delivery that he played for a six before hitting the third ball he faced for a four. Smith, then, hit Mohammad Shami for a six and a four in the fourth over.

KXIP introduced Ravi Bishnoi into the attack in the fifth over and Sanju Samson hit him for a six and a four to push RR past fifty.

Smith brought up his second successive fifty of IPL 2020 in the ninth over but lost his wicket in the same over.

Rahul Tewatia then joined Sanju Samson in the middle. While Sanju Samson moved past fifty, KXIP managed to keep things tight, conceding just 21 runs in the next four overs.

Sanju Samson and Tewatia then hit a six each in the two overs, but RR still needed something extraordinary to push themselves past the finish line, and Sanju Samson opened the floodgates, hitting Maxwell for three sixes in the 16th over. But he departed in the 17th over after scoring 85 off 42 balls, hitting 4 fours and 7 sixes.

By the end of the 17th over, Tewatia was batting on 17 off 23 balls and RR needed a miracle to score 51 off last three overs. But then, Tewatia changed the gears and how. He went after Cottrell and creamed as many as five sixes to move to 47 off 29 balls and brought the target down to 21 off 2 overs.

While Shami got Robin Uthappa out on the first ball of the penultimate over, Jofra Archer hammered two sixes off the next two deliveries before Tewatia hit one more to notch up his fifty, bringing bring down the winning target to two runs. Although he got out on the final ball of the 19th over and Murugan Ashwin bowled a dot and took a wicket off Riyan Parag, Curran hit a four on the third ball of the final over to seal a sensational RR win.

IPL 2020

Today's Match (SEPT. 28)

RCB Vs MI
Dubai Intl. Cricket Stadium, Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Tomorrow's Match (SEPT. 29)

DC Vs SRH
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Yesterday's Result

KXIP 223/2 (20 Overs) lose to **RR 226/6 (19.3 Overs)**

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French Open: Nadal begins 'most difficult' campaign

Paris, Sept. 28- On Monday, Rafael Nadal embarks on what he has described as his "most difficult ever Roland Garros" while Serena Williams launches another attempt to clinch an elusive 24th Grand Slam title on her least successful surface.

Nadal, the undisputed king of clay, needs one more Major to equal Roger Federer's record of 20, but the Spaniard comes to Paris short of preparation and unhappy with the French Open's choice of new balls. "The conditions here are probably the most difficult conditions for me ever at Roland Garros for so many different facts," said the World No 2.

"The ball is completely different. It is super slow, heavy. It's also very cold, slow conditions."

Nadal won the first of his 12 French Open titles in 2005 and has been beaten just twice in 95 matches here, but now must adjust to the unusual autumnal chill due to the Coronavirus-induced delay.

The event began on Sunday amid steady drizzle in temperatures struggling to reach 10 degrees (50F), conditions branded "ridiculous" by US Open finalist Victoria Azarenka.

The forecast is little better for day two with the new roof on Court Philippe Chatrier again likely to be closed although overcast weather could give way to clearer skies late in the afternoon.

The heavier atmosphere could negate some of Nadal's lethal topspin as he heads into the event without a clay title under his belt for the first time.

The second seed is not pleased the French Open has switched to a new ball supplier and even believes it could pose physical problems for the players.

"I really believe that the organisation needs to take a look at that for the next couple of years, for the health of the players, too, because the ball is super heavy and becomes dangerous for the elbow and for the shoulders," said Nadal.

However a first-time meeting with Egor Gerasimov, the World No 83 from Belarus, is unlikely to trouble him. The match begins today at 7 pm (IST).

Intl. hockey player Uthappa ties knot

International hockey player Sannuvanda K. Uthappa, son of Sannuvanda Vasanth Kushalappa and Niraj of Devarapura, tied the nuptial knot with Sanjana, daughter of Puttichanda Uthappa and Leela of Bollarimad, at The Yellow Bamboo Resort in Balaji, South Kodagu, yesterday. Only family members of the couple and close relatives were part of the simple ceremony (Dampathi Muhurtha) held last evening.

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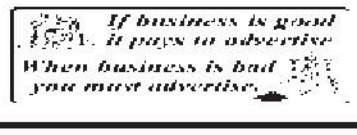

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